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Mr. Bruce D.D. Mac Rae Vice President, State Government Affairs United Parcel Service, Inc. 25201 Paseo De Alicia Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Dear Mr. Mac Rae:

The County of San Bernardino values the collaborative working relationship shared with United Parcel Service, Inc. and wishes to request your support on efforts that would transfer ownership of Ontario International Airport (ONT) to local control.

As you know, the Inland Empire region has taken a tremendous economic hit over the past five years as air service at ONT has plummeted to levels not seen since the 1980s. Under current ownership, the severe decline in activity has cost our region \$400 million annually and over 8,000 jobs. The transfer of ONT to local control will ensure fiscal responsibility, transparency and long-term strategic planning towards economic growth and sustainability in our region.

The Southern California Association of Governments, as well as a number of local governments and private sector entities in our region, support this effort. A locally managed regional airport system will best meet the Inland Empire's future air transit needs while ensuring successful growth and expansion of existing ONT resources.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino encourages your support of efforts to return ONT to local control and requests a letter from UPS indicating your concurrence that the transfer is in the best interest of the Southern California region. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Fourth District Supervisor